Where will WGS lead you?

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, WGS highlights an alumna’s work against gender-based violence.

Last week, Dr. Hesse-Biber, Director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at BC, participated in the American Evaluation Association conference held in Denver, Colorado. In a Presidential Panel entitled Violence Against Women: A Global Crisis and a Challenge for Evaluators, Dr. Hesse-Biber examined how violence against women (VAW) and gender-based violence (GBV), though among the most serious challenges facing the 21st century, are rarely prioritized in evaluations of labor markets and employment, education, and access to public services. The panel discussed the nature of VAW and GBV in the contexts of human trafficking and the sex trade, sexual assaults on college campuses, GBV in HIV prevention, engaging men and boys in preventing GBV, and improving VAW and GBV monitoring and evaluation.

The conference was attended by Dr. Hesse-Biber’s former WGS student, Hannah Feeney, currently in the Ecology-Community Psychology PhD program at Michigan State University. Hannah’s interests focus on violence against women, particularly sexual violence and rape culture. Read below to hear how WGS led Hannah to her current academic pursuits.

“The WGS program at Boston College played an instrumental role in my perspective on violence against women. Prior to my undergraduate career, I had little exposure to the topics I currently study. My first WGS class, Women and the Body with Dr. Hesse-Biber, made me want to ‘set the world aflame.’ The WGS department also allowed me some incredible opportunities, like being a TA for Introduction to Feminisms and conducting research through a Readings & Research course, two experiences pivotal in my decision to pursue a career in academia. The most incredible thing about the WGS courses at BC were their exploration through an activist lens; I was encouraged to be ‘a woman for others.’ This mindset brought me to my current field today. Post graduation, I worked with Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE) researching human trafficking in fake massage establishments. Currently, as a doctoral candidate in the Ecological Community Psychology department at Michigan State University, I study institutional response to sexual violence and policy evaluation and also take part in policy development around local and state-wise police response to sexual assault.”
TODAY’S EVENTS

Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights Presents:

Wednesday, October 22 | 3:30pm | UMass Boston
Why is it so Hard to Get Women to the Peace Table? And Why is That Not Even the Right Question?
Carol Cohn
Director, Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights

3:30pm Lecture followed by Consortium Seminar & Refreshments
For more information, visit http://genderandsecurity.umb.edu/.

Join Professor Christine Caswell McCarron and The Women’s Center in a discussion on the role of women in children’s television programming. Find out how these messages are impacting us, and what future parents should know.

When? October 22nd from 1-2PM
Where? The Women’s Center (McElroy 141)
Food will be provided.
Questions? women@bc.edu

WHAT IS THE MEDIA IMPRINTING ON YOU?
Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights Presents:

Monday, October 27th | 3:30pm
Gender Knowledge in the World Bank: Revisiting Cooptation
Elisabeth Prig
Consortium Senior Fellow 2014-2015
Professor of IR, Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva

Lecture followed by Consortium Seminar & Refreshments
For more information, visit http://genderandsecurity.umb.edu/.

The Sexual Assault Network of Boston College Presents:

R.A.D. Self Defense Classes for Women
Offered by the BC Police Department
When: November 10, 12, 17, & 19*
Time: 7-10pm
Place: Boston College, McElroy 237B
To sign up, send an email to Rad@bc.edu.

*You must attend all classes to complete the program.

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING INTERNSHIP

Intern with BIWOC (Bisexual Women of Color)! BIWOC is a support group whose mission is to provide emotional support, resources, community, and a safe space to discuss intersectional issues that affect bisexual women of color.

For more information and to apply, visit BIWOC’s website.
Presented by MIT’s Gender and Women’s Studies Program.

Week-long conference featuring leaders who have stepped up and led very different communities – from education experts, social entrepreneurs, members of the UN council, and much more!

For more information and to register, click here.

The Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies

The GCWS announces our Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 graduate seminars. Seminars are open to students matriculated in graduate programs at our nine member institutions.

Spring 2015 Courses

• Feminist Inquiry
• Gender, Race, & the Complexities of Science and Technology

Spring course application deadline: January 5, 2015.

Take a look at the course schedule and apply today!